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**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 58**

**Introduced by Senators Machado, Ackerman, Alarcon, Alpert, Battin, Bowen, Brulte, Burton, Chesbro, Costa, Dunn, Escutia, Figueroa, Haynes, Johnson, Karnette, Knight, Kuehl, Margett, McClintock, McPherson, Morrow, Murray, O'Connell, Oller, Ortiz, Peace, Polanco, Poochigian, Romero, Scott, Sher, Torlakson, Vasconcellos, and Vincent**

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January 23, 2002

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58—Relative to California Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 58, as amended, Machado. California Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

This bill would proclaim the week of February 24 to March 3, 2002, as California Eating Disorders Awareness Week, and would encourage all Californians to educate themselves about eating disorders.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the National Eating Disorders  
2 Association, conservative estimates indicate that 5 to 10 percent  
3 of girls and women and approximately one million men are  
4 struggling with eating disorders, including anorexia, bulimia, and  
5 other related conditions, in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The Kristen Watt Foundation, a Northern  
7 California eating disorders awareness organization, states that 58  
8 percent of females and 38 percent of males are at risk for  
9 developing an eating disorder; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 80 percent of women are  
11 dissatisfied with their appearances and 42 percent of girls in the  
12 first through third grades want to be thinner; and

13 WHEREAS, Ninety-one percent of women of college age  
14 report that they attempt, either frequently or continuously, to  
15 control their weight; and

16 WHEREAS, Societal definitions of beauty create contexts in  
17 which impressionable young girls learn to place great value on the  
18 size and shape of their bodies; and

19 WHEREAS, Internet Web sites have been dedicated to the sole  
20 purpose of instructing people on how to be anorexic and bulimic  
21 and also glamorize skeletal body types; and

22 WHEREAS, Contrary to public myth, eating disorders strike  
23 young and old, rich and poor, and all races and creeds, and cross  
24 all social paths; and

25 WHEREAS, Eating disorders have reached epidemic  
26 proportions and have increased the need for awareness of the  
27 health dangers of starvation, laxative, and diuretic abuse, and  
28 excessive and compulsive exercise; and

29 WHEREAS, Embarrassment and secrecy contribute to the  
30 underreporting of eating disorders; and

31 WHEREAS, The most effective prevention or treatment of  
32 these disorders is through public education and awareness; and

33 WHEREAS, It is essential that communities, schools, local  
34 organizations, and medical professionals raise consciousness



1 about the deadly and growing phenomenon of eating disorders;  
2 now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the week of  
5 February 24, 2002, to March 3, 2002, as California Eating  
6 Disorders Awareness Week, to coincide with National Eating  
7 Disorders Awareness Week; and be it further

8 *Resolved* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this  
9 resolution to the Governor.

